Public Health

403. There were 28 rural mid-wives in addition to those working in the several Maternity and Local Fund Dispensaries and 1,019 labour cases were conducted.

404. The total number of vaccinations conducted was 2,50,313 (3,88,632) during the year in the Bangalore Division.

405. There was outbreak of cholera in 3 villages, prevalence of small-pox in 73 villages in Bijapur, 4 villages in North Kanara and 5 villages in Dharwar Districts respectively. The respective District Local Boards took timely preventive and curative measures along with the Public Health Department and incurred an expenditure of Rs. 14,030 during the period under report, in Belgaum Division.

406. In Gulbarga Division, the total amount spent on conservancy staff, by the District Boards of Raichur, Gulbarga and Bidar, was Rs. 1,56,585—90, during the period under report.

(viii) Taluk Boards.

(From 1st November 1959 to 31st March 1960)

General Administration

407. The Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959 (Mysore Act No. 10 of 1959) came into force on the first day of November 1959, and the District Boards being abolished Taluk Boards were constituted for each Taluk with effect from 1st November 1959. Pending the holding of election, the Block Development Officers in respect of Taluks where Community Development Blocks were established and the Tahsildars in respect of the other Taluks were appointed as Special Officers of the concerned Taluk Boards, to exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of the respective Taluk Boards and their Presidents under the new Act until the constitution of the Taluk Boards in accordance with the provision of the Act. These officers continued the activities of the District Boards in their respective jurisdictions.

Finance.

408. The total income and expenditure of the Taluk Boards during the period of five months commencing from 1st November 1959 to the end of the year were Rs. 51,55,598—00 and Rs. 33,36,214—00 respectively.

LOCAL ADMN.

409. *Local Development Works.*—An expenditure of Rs. 1,63,559-00 was incurred during the period for local development works by the several Taluk Boards.

410. A sum of Rs. 1,83,212—02 was also spent on rural communication by the Taluk Boards in Bangalore Division, during the period.

(viii) village Panchayats and Rural Development.

Constitution.

411. The Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959 was brought into force from 1st November 1959. Village Panchayats with a population below 1,500 stood dissolved and the administration of the dissolved panchayats vested in Government. Pending the formtion of villages of the establishment of panchayats under the new Act. The other panchayats continued to function, under the the provisions of the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959.

Strength of Panchayats.

412. The total number of village panchayats in the State during the year was 15,530 (14,998) as follows :—

Division	1958—59	1959—60
Bangalore	6,742	6,481
Mysore	6,151	6,151
Belgaum	1,607	1,771
Gulbarga	498	1,127

413. The village panchayats had a total membership of 1,45,841 and 46,901 meetings were held by them.

Finance of Panchayats.

414. The total income, including the opening balance and expenditure of the village panchayats in the State during the year were as follows :—

Divisions	Total Income		Expenditure	
	1958—59	1959—60	1958—59	1959—60
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bangalore ...	74,57,192	67,23,015	25,73,581	24,63,164
Mysore ...	73,31,681	73,54,417	25,69,191	28,50,739
Belgaum	87,12,858	1,01,65,751	50,02,760	62,21,617
Gulbarga ...	...	10,81,990-58	5,08,350-58	...

Demand, Collection and Balance

415. The total amount outstanding recovery at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 18,75,283. The demand for the year was Rs. 24,06,783. Out of the total demand of Rs. 42,82,066, a sum of Rs. 21,87,238 was collected